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JIDDA FOR ASST. SECRETARY ATHERTON

E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, LE, PINT, JO
SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH KING HUSSEIN RE LEBANON

REF: AMMAN'S 9705

1. AFTER ASST SECY ATHERTON AND AMBASSADOR PICKERING WERE RECEIVED BY KING HUSSEIN YESTERDAY, DEC 18, HE ASKED TO SEE ME. AS ATHERTON AND PICKERING HAD OTHER ENGAGEMENTS, CROWN PRINCE ONLY OTHER PERSON PRESENT.

2. AFTER GRACIOUSLY ACKNOWLEDGING MY THANKS FOR PERMITTING ME TO MEET WITH ASST SECY IN AMMAN, KING ASKED ME ABOUT SITUATION IN BEIRUT. TOLD HIM MY VIEWS RE NECESSITY POLITICAL REFORM AND SOCIAL PROGRESS. I BORE DOWN RATHER HARD ON THE FAR CHRISTIAN RIGHT AND SAID IT WAS MY VIEW THAT THESE ELEMENTS BORE MORE THAN 50 PER CENT OF THE BLAME FOR CONTINUED FIGHTING AND ESCALATION OF ATROCITIES.

3. KING ASKED RE ARMY. I DESCRIBED DIFFICULTIES PRESENTED BY ARMY INTERVENING OPENING IN CURRENT FIGHTING

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GAVE HIM A FRANK AND GLOOMY PICTURE OF ARMY'S EXISTING

CAPABILITY.

4. KING ASKED RE SYRIAN INTENTIONS. I EXPRESSED MY CONFUSION ON THIS SCORE, POINTING OUT THAT WHILE I WAS PERSONNALLY CONVINCED THAT PRESIDENT ASAD WAS TRYING TO BE CONSTRUCTIVE, NEVERTHELESS MANY ARMS COMING TO REJECTIONISTS OR FAR LEFT ELEMENTS IN LEBANON FROM SYRIA. ASKED KING WHAT HE THOUGHT IN VIEW OF HIS RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT ASAD. KING SAID HE IS CON- ASAD IS TRYING TO BE CONSTRUCTIVE, BUT HE HAD ALSO NOTED CONTINUED SYRIAN ASSISTANCE TO IMMODERATE ELEMENTS HERE.

5. WHEN I MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF COUP, KING INTERRUPTED TO POINT OUT THAT WAS WHY HE HAD INQUIRED EARLIER RE ARMY. WE MORE OR LESS CONCLUDED THAT COUP BY ARMY WOULD BE MOST COLPLICATED UNLESS SUPPORTED NOT ONLY BY ARAFAT BUT ALSO CHRISTIAN MILITIA. ON WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE, I SAID THAT THERE WAS SOME TALK IN BEIRUT OF ANOTHER KHADDAM INTERVENTION. ALSO TOLD HIM IN CONFIDENCE THAT KARAME THINKING OF AN ASAD-FRANGIE MEETING. TOLD HIM I THOUGHT EITHER POSSIBILITY CONSTRUCTIVE. KING NODDED.

6. KING ASKED RE FEASIBILITY OF PARTITION AND AGREED ENTHUSIASTICALLY WHEN I SAID I DID NOT SEE IT AS A SOLUTION.
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